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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, March 15, 2013 (between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.), as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Magnolia Avenue at Merced Drive. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

RSO/CAL-ID was also on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

Results:

- 1659 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1384 drivers were contacted with 64 being screened
- 2 DUI suspects were arrested
- 2 suspects were arrested for misdemeanor warrants
- 56 citations were issued
- 15 vehicles were impounded
- 35 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

The Riverside Police Department reminds you that whether you are gathering with friends at the pub or attending your local events, if alcohol is part of the festivities, don't rely on luck to get you home. Designate a sober driver to get you there and back safely, or contact your local sober ride program for a ride home.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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